

History Department Newsletter

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Visiting Speakers:

The following talks will be given in the days and weeks ahead:

29 October, Dr. Fernande Bassan, Wayne State University, on 'Chateaubriand et L'Amérique', Hall Bldg. 937, 6:15 PM.
8 Nov., Dr. Angela Miles, 'Feminism and Global Development', (Details TBA)

13 Nov., Dr. Michael Freeman, 'Genocide Theory, Practice and Prevention', Hall, 420, 8:30 pm

14 November, Dr. Michael Freeman, 'Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict and Genocide', Hall 520, 6:05 pm.

15 Nov., seminar with Michael Freeman on 'Theories of the State in Relation to Genocide', Hall 937, 6:15 pm.

PhD Colloquium:

Michael Duckett will present a colloquium on his thesis proposal, 'Women and Outwork in Montreal, 1871-1901' on Thursday, 8th November, 3 PM, H-205-18. All are invited.

Doctoral Thesis Defence: Mr. Minko Sotiri will defend his doctoral thesis, 'From Politics to Profit: the Commercialization of Canadian English-Language Newspapers, 1890-1920' on Friday, November 16 at 9:30 AM in Hall Rm. 752. All are welcome.

Research Awards:

Post Doctoral Fellow Peter Keating has been awarded a grant from the Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine for his research on 'The Control and Elimination of Diphtheria in Canada, 1890-1940'. Prof. Donald Ginter has received a research grant from SSHRC to edit the Wyvill papers, 1779-1785. Adjunct Assistant Professor and recent Concordia PhD Lorne Huston has received a research award from SSHRC to continue work on 'L'Histoire sociale de l'académie des beaux arts en France, 1795-1985'.

Faculty Colloquium:

Dr. Steven Davies, 'The Representation of Women in Canadian Advertising', Weds., 14 November, 4 PM, H-205. All are welcome to attend.

Priorities Committee Report Completed and Approved:

At its meeting of 12 October, 1990, the Department approved without any dissenting vote the 'Report and Recommendations of the Departmental Priorities Committee' pertaining to the hiring of new and replacement faculty over the next several years. The Report has been forwarded to the Dean of Arts and Sciences for his consideration.

The Priorities Committee received its mandate at the last Department Meeting of the 1989-90 academic year, in April, 1990. Its members, Professor Carr (Chair), Bode, Schade, Shlosser, Rudin and Tittler; Graduate Student Representatives Lowther and Schade, were appointed at the beginning of the summer and met eight times between July and October.

The Report consisted of two parts: an examination of the Department's faculty staffing profile, past, present and future, and a consideration of which fields should be selected for hiring in the years ahead.

The first part of the report concluded that History has had the fastest growing enrolment in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences over the past five years. At the same time its teaching staff, having fallen in numbers by roughly a third since the merger of the two founding departments, had grown only very slightly during that five year period. It is today substantially smaller than it had been in 1977. In addition, the Report pointed to the steady and significant loss of colleagues to the university administration for periods of three to five years at a time, and to retirements anticipated in the years immediately ahead.

These observations supported a request for the addition of six full-time and two sessional positions to be phased in over the next four years. The Report recommended the selection of the following full-time positions (in no order of priority): Modern French History, North American Native History; Modern Canadian Women's History with a special interest in Quebec; Modern Latin American and/or Caribbean History; Late Medieval History; and Modern East European History. The sessional fields have been defined as Modern U.S. Woman's History and Working Class History. The Committee felt that these fields best served the purposes of the Department in filling present or anticipated gaps, and in supporting the Department's curricular priorities.

Neither the Report nor the Department made recommendations on the sequence in which specific positions would be added. Watch this space!!

Graduate Language Exams:

All MA and PhD students must demonstrate competence in a second language. This semester's language examinations will be offered on November 6, 7, and 8 between 9:30 and 4:30, with the last exam to begin at 2:30 on each day. Contact Linda MacDonald (848-2435) for an appointment or information.

C.H.S. Guide to History Programmes in Canada:

Elaine Davies reports that the Canadian Historical Ass'n. has just put out a Guide to History Programmes in Canada. This is available for the grand sum of \$6. To get yours before the GST, see Elaine or leave a note for her in the Downtown History Office.